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. lat. *anguis*, lit. *angis*, v. slave *gъzъ* =
39) oc;
= Vn *arēin* (81), § *harē(n)* (192),
arēi (166);
5) *verē*, Vn(293) *verē* (mais dans le même
sterij "stérile" = *sterē*; ibid., p. 292),

—soudes (après nasale sonores) dia-

§(204) U(204) G(182) *panir*;

Vn(295) §(206) U(207) *tun*, G(186) Kb

Vn(272) §(199) U(199) *kov*, G *kav* (176);

Vn(268) *cur* "fon", §(198) U(198) *cur*;

(278) §(201) U(201) *ēas*, G *ēas* (178);

Vn(80) §(199) *kapot*, U *kaput* (199);

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ft. gr. *νός*, lat. *nus*, v. slave *myšъ* =

(202) *mut*, G(180) Kb(Gh. 236) *mošna*;

Vn(244) §(192) U(191) G(165) Kb(Gh.

= Vn(74) §(199) U(199) *kočak*, G *kučak*

nasale on a:

n" = Vn(259) U(195) *ingver*, Kb *hingver*

er (196), G *hanger* (170);

§ *andrel* (196), U *andrel* (195).

siques — sans changements:

= Vn(297) §(206) U(207) *phačel*, G *phačel*

"e" = Vn(298) §(207) *khacax*, G(188)

= Vn(260) U(196) *thāphel*, § *thāphel* (196),

mes palatalisées ont été indiquées par "

- cl. *awj* „serpent” (cf. lat. *anguis*, lit. *angls*, v. slave *ožb*) = Vn(69) Š(206) U(39) *oc*;
 cl. *arašin* „premier” = Vn *äršin* (81), Š *harči(n)* (192), U *äršin* (39), G *äräči* (166);
 cl. *verj* „fin” = Š(205) *veré*, Vn(293) *verč* (mais dans le même dialecte on a cl. *sterj* „stérile” = *sterč*; ibid., p. 292), U *verč* (40).

B) sourdes classiques — sourdes (après nasale sonores) dialectales:

- cl. *panir* = Vn(287) Š(204) U(204) G(182) *panir*;
 cl. *tun* „maison” = Vn(295) Š(206) U(207) *tun*, G(186) Kb (Gh. 236) *ton*;
 cl. *kov* „vache” = Vn(272) Š(199) U(199) *kov*, G *kav* (176);
 cl. *cur* „coubé” = Vn(268) *cur* „fou”, Š(198) U(198) *cur*, G *coi* (174);
 cl. *čas* „repas” = Vn(278) Š(201) U(201) *čas*, G *čäs* (178);
 cl. *kapoyt* „bleu” = Vn(80) Š(199) *kapot*, U *kaput* (199), G(175) Kb *kyäpüt* (Gh. 236);
 cl. *mukn* „souris” (cf. gr. *μῦς*, lat. *mus*, v. slave *mysb*) = Vn(281) Š(202) U(202) *muk*, G(180) Kb(Gh. 236) *moknə*;
 cl. *aye* „chèvre” = Vn(244) Š(192) U(191) G(165) Kb(Gh. 236) *ec*;
 cl. *kočak* „bouton” = Vn(74) Š(199) U(199) *kočak*, G *kučak* (176); mais après nasale on a:
 cl. *enker* „compagnon” = Vn(259) U(195) *inger*, Kb *linger* (Gh. 236), Š *enger* (196), G *henger* (170);
 cl. *entrel* „choisir” = Š *endrel* (196), U *endarel* (195).

- C) sourdes aspirées classiques — sans changements:
 cl. *phčel* „souffler” = Vn(297) Š(206) U(207) *phačel*, G *phačil* (187);
 cl. *khačax* „vinaigre” = Vn(298) Š(207) *khačax*, G(188) U(208) *khačax*;
 cl. *thaphel* „verser” = Vn(260) U(196) *thäphel*, Š *thaphel* (196), G *thaphil* (171).

Remarque: les consonnes palatalisées ont été indiquées par *y*.

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passive construction based on *-ia*-stems and a kind of ablative of the agent, formed by the preposition *lacā*, "from" and an enclitical personal pronoun *-ma* (originally acc. sg.), cf. DB I 19: *tjašām hacāma ašahya*, "ce qui par moi leur était ordonné". Consequently, the passive phrase "this is what was done by me" (as Kent translates OP *ima tya manā kartam*) could and should be rendered as **ma tya hacāma akariya* (the 3 sg. impf. pass. *akariyat* appears actually twice in OP: DSf 37 and XPh 42).

The purpose of the present paper is to show that the Elamite (E.) and the Babylonian Akkadian (B.) versions accompanying most of the OP inscriptions supply strong additional arguments for the active character of the OP periphrastic perfect.

Whereas the Semitic Akkadian presents no major problems to-day, the structure of the apparently agglutinative Elamite — owing to its isolated position and relative scarcity of texts — is not yet clear in all details. According to recent grammars⁶ the Elamite distinguishes three morphological classes: verbs, nominals and indeclinables.

The Elamite verbal base may appear either with personal suffixes, which in the Royal Achaemenid Elamite (RAE) — due to its loss of /h/ — differ from those in the Middle Elamite (ME):

	ME		RAE	
	Sg.	Pl.	Sg.	Pl.
1.	/h/	/hu/	/Ø/	/u/
2.	/t/	/ht/	/t/	/t/
3.	/š/	/hš/	/š/	/š/

or with the participle suffixes: active /n/ or passive /k/. Both participles may take the so-called "gender suffixes", usually accompanying nominals, but in RAE sometimes also verbs. These are as follows:

⁶ H. H. Paper, *The Phonology and Morphology of Royal Achaemenian Elamite*, Ann Arbor 1955 (further quoted as: *Paper*); E. Reiner, *The Elamite Language*, in: *Handbuch der Orientalistik*, Erste Abteilung II. Band, 1. u. 2. Abschnitt, Lief. 2, Leiden/Köln 1969, pp. 54—118, (further quoted as: *R. El.*).

Locutive	/k/	e.g.	<i>sunki-k</i> , "I (the) king";
Allocutive	/t/	e.g.	<i>na-n-t</i> , "speak-ing-you"
Delocutive: animate sg.	/r/	e.g.	<i>sunki-r</i> , "he (the) king"
animate pl.	/p/	e.g.	<i>sunki-p</i> , "they (the) kings"
			non-animate Ø or /me/ e.g. <i>sunki-me</i> , "king-dom" (abstraction).

The tense value of the conjugated forms seems to be that of past, whereas the active participle with the "gender suffixes" serves as present, e.g. *(h)utta-š* "he did"; *(h)utta-n-r*, "he does"; *(h)utta-n-p*, "they do". There is no nominal declension (cf. *R. El.* § 5.2.6.3), except for the personal pronouns, which distinguish the nominative and the accusative (or perhaps an oblique):

	Sg.		Pl.	
	Nom.	Acc.	Nom.	Acc.
1.	u	un	nuku	nukun
2.	nu	nun	num	numun
3.	r-	r	p-	apun

However the RAE has a suffix *-na*, whose function resembles that of the genitive. Adverbials are formed by means of postpositions, e.g. *u-ikki* "to(wards) me"; *Mata-p-ikki* "to(wards) the Medes"; *u-ikki + mar* "from (= by) me".

Whereas the most pronounced function of the "gender suffixes" in ME is the categorizing one — they serve as exponents of grammatical concord — their function in RAE resembles rather that of number morphemes with nominals and that of enclitic pronouns with verbs. The third person "suffixes" are obviously related to the corresponding personal pronouns and this relationship might be explained by the demonstrative origin of both categories. The demonstrative quality of the elements *-r-* and *-p-* would render its generalized use as number morphemes in RAE easily understandable and in particular it might explain the puzzling use of

⁷ In the so-called transposition (see *R. El.*, p. 104), i.e. morpheme-for-morpheme translation which is adopted here for the interpretation of the Elamite material, the quoted examples may be rendered as follows: *u-ikki* "me-to"; *u-ikki + mar* "me-from"; *Mata-p-ikki* "Mede-PL-to(wards)".

the *-r-* suffix with the finite verb. It appears only in relative clauses starting with *appa* „which” (corresponding to OP *tya*), especially in those instances where the clause stands for the direct object of the main verb, cf. XPa 18f (= Wb., p. 108, § 4): *mām Auramazdā pātuv utamāy xšaem utā tya manā kartam* (K. p. 148: „Me may A. protect, and my kingdom, and what was built by me”); E. (lines 17—19): *u Uramašta un niški-š-ni kutta sunki-me kutta appa u (h)utta-r*; transposition: „my/me? Ahuramazda me protect-3sg.-may and king-dom and what I made-1sg.-it(acc.?)”.

It is worth noting that clauses containing the demonstrative pronoun do not have *-r* after the verb, e.g. DB III 10 (= Wb., p. 44, § 47): *ima tya manā kartam Parθavaiy* (K. p. 127: „This is what was done by me in Parthia”); E. (78): *(h)i u Partumaš (h)utta*; „this I Parthia (-in?) did-1sg.” Cf. also DB IV 3f (= Wb., p. 56, § 52): *ima tya adam akunavam*; E. (47): *(h)i appa u (h)utta*.

Assuming the pronominal character of *-r* (the view, which is adopted in this paper) the difference between these two types of clauses may be illustrated as follows: 1. (with *-r*): *quod* — (*ego*) *fecit* — *id* (= *quod fecit*); 2. (without *-r*): *id* — *quod* — (*ego*) *fecit*. This interpretation differs considerably from that of E. Reiner⁸, who regards constructions like *u (h)utta-r* as a syntactical calque of the OP type *manā kartam*, perceived by the Elamite interpreters as *meum factum* and rendered by them according to the Elamite nominal possessive construction: modifier + noun + „gender suffix” of the modifier, cf. OP *manā bandaka*, „my slave”, E. *u-lipa-r* (spelled: *u li-ba-ru-ri*).

The following reasons speak against this conception: 1° — even allowing the hypothetical generalization of *-r* on the first person, an expected rendering of *meum factum* by this construction should be **u (h)utta-k-r*, because Elamite clearly distinguishes the OP past participle (see below); 2° — the possessive construction with pronouns in RAE seems to be based on simple juxtaposition, cf. DB I 4: *manā piā Vištāspa*, „my father (is/was) Hystaspes”, E. *u attata Mištāspa* (consequently *u lipa-r* might be interpreted: „my slave — (is/was) he”); 3° — both Elamite versions of XPe translate OP *utā tyamāy kartam* as: *kutta appa (h)utta-r* without

⁸ E. Reiner, *Calques sur le vieux-perse en élamite achéménide*, BSL LV (1960), pp. 222—7.

the personal pronoun — an inadmissible omission in a possessive construction *meum factum*, but quite understandable in case of (*ego*) *fecit* — *id*.

Below are listed all the examples of the OP periphrastic perfect together with their Elamite and Akkadian translations (so far extant)⁹, arranged according to the slightly varying meaning of the phrases, as in Benv. p. 177f. Benveniste distinguished 8 types of phrases, of which the last two are not represented here, because no translations of them exist (the 7-th type appears in monolingual XPb and the 8-th one in DNb, which is nearly totally destroyed).

TYPE 1 — „voilà ce que j'ai fait”:

DB I 27f (= Wb., p. 14, § 10): *ima tya manā kartam pasāva yaḏā xšāyāya abavam* (K. p. 119: „This is what was done by me after that I became king”) E. (21f): *hi ap-pa iū hu-ud-da [za-u-mi-in anu-ra-mas]-da-na me-ni sa-ap ap-pa i-sunkuk-me du-ma (h)i appa u (h)utta čaemin Uramašta-na men sap appa sunki-me duma*

„this what I did-1sg. grace Ahuramazda-of after as king-dom took-1sg.”

B. (11): *a-ga-a ša ana-ku e-pu-šu ina šilli ša iū-ri-mi-iz-da ār-ki ša a-na šarru a-tu-ru*

DB II 91f (= Wb., p. 40, § 34): *ima tya manā kartam Mādaiy* (K. p. 124: „This is what was done by me in Media”)

E. (67) *hi iū i-ma-da-be ik-ki hu-ud-da*

(*h)i u mata-p-ikki (h)utta*; „this I Mede-PL-to(wards) did-1sg.” B. missing

DB III 10 (= Wb., p. 44, § 47): *ima tya manā kartam Parθavaiy*

⁹ The OP is given in Kent's transcription; both Elamite and Akkadian versions are taken over from F. H. Weissbach, *Die Keilinschriften der Achämeniden*, (Vorderasiatische Bibliothek III), Leipzig 1911 (further quoted as: *Wb.*), and its transcription — though slightly obsolete — has been retained. In order to save space the B. texts have been left without transcription into *scriptio continua* and without translation when it was not strictly necessary; the same holds for the repetitions of Elamite phrases. There is no unified system of *scriptio continua* for Elamite; in general the transcription of *R. El.* has been followed. I am greatly indebted to Prof. P. Naster of the Oriental Institute of the University of Leuven for his invaluable help in the interpretation of the Akkadian material.

- E. (78) hi 'íú 'ípar-tu-maš hu-ud-da
B. missing
DB III 20f (= Wb., p. 46, § 39): *ima tya manā kartam Bāzriyā*
E. (75) hi 'íu ba-ak-ši-iš hu-ud-da
B. (71) a-ga-a ša ana-ku ina mati ba-ah-tar e-pu-šu
DB III 53 (= Wb., p. 50, § 44): *ima tya manā kartam Pārsaiy*
E. (19f) hi 'íú 'ípar-sin ik-ki hu-ud-da
B. (78) a-ga-a ša] a-na-ku ina matapar-su e-pu-šu
DB III 76 (= Wb., p. 54, § 48): *ima tya manā kartam Haru-
vatiyā*
E. (34f) hi 'íú har-ra-u-ma-ti-iš hu-ud-da
B. (84) ... ina mati a-ru-ḥa-at-ti e-pu-šu
DB IV 1f (= Wb., p. 56, § 51): *ima tya manā kartam Bābirave*
E. (47) hi 'íú ba-pi-[l]i 'íur hu-ud-da]
(*hi u Babil ir (h)utta*; „this I Babylon (to-)it did-1sg.”

5. (89) a-ga-a ša ana-ku ina bapili e-pu-šu
TYPE 2 — „*j'ai encore fait beaucoup (de choses)*”

DB IV 46f (= Wb., p. 62, § 58): *utāmaiy anīyašciy vasiy astiy
kartam*

E. (69f): da-a-ki-da Iú-ni-na ir-še-ik-ki [hu-ut]-tuk ([šà-rī])
taykita uni-na išeiki (h)utta-k [(šà-r)]

„other me-of mneh done /is = „existing-SG”?)|

B. (100) ... ma-a-da ša e-pu-[šu]

TYPE 3 — „*ce que j'ai fait*”

Subtype A: *tya manā kartam*

DB IV 48f (= Wb., p. 62, § 58): //mā (...) *avahyā parve
ḥadayātāiy*|| *tya manā kartam naišim ima varnačātāiy* (K. p. 321:
„Ilest ... to him ... may not seem excessive|| what has been done
by me (and) it not convince him”)

E. (71): (...) ap-pa 'íú-ni-na hu-ud-da-ak hu-pir-ri in-ni u-ri-in-ra
appa uni-na (h)utta-k (h)upi-r inni uri-n-r; „what me-of done
this-SG not believ-ing-he”

B. (100) ... ma-la e-pu-šu [l]a i-ki-ip-pi (...)

DB IV 53f (= Wb., p. 64, § 60): *nūram ḥuēām varnačātām tya
manā kartam*

(K. p. 132: „Now let that which has been done by me convince
thee”)

E. (73f): am 'ínu u-ru-iš ap-pa 'íú hu-ud-da

am nu uri-š appa u (h)utta; „now you believe-Imperativ what
I did-1sg.”

B. (101) at-ta ki-i-pi ša ana-ku e-pu-šu

Subtype B: *tyamaiy kartam*

XPd a17ff, b25ff (= Wb., p. 114, § 3): *mām Auramazdā pātuc
hadā baqaibiš utamaiy xšačam utā tyamaiy kartam* (K. p. 148: „Me
may A. together with the gods protect, and my kingdom, and
what has been done by me”)

E. (a11ff, b20ff): 'íú an-^{an}-ra-mas-da un nu-iš-gi-iš-ni an-na-ap-pi-be
i-da-ka ku-ud-da su-un-(ku)-uk-me ku-ud-da ap-pa hu-ud-da-ra
u Uramašta un niški-š-ni napi-p-itaka kutta sunki-me kutta appa
(*h)utta-r*; „my/me? Ahuramazda me protect-3sg.-may god-PL-with
and kingdom and what (I-)did-1sg.-it”

B. (a10f, b20f): a-na-ku uua-^{hu}-ru-ma-az-da' li-iš-šur-an-ni it-ti
ilanimēš u a-na šarru-ū-[ti-ia u a]-na e-pu-uš-šú

XV 25ff (= Wb., p. 118, § 3): idem

E. (26f): (...) ku-ud-da ša-iš-ša-[um ku-ud-da ap-pa 'íú hu]-ud-da-ri
kutta šaš(š)am kutta appa u (h)utta-r; „and xšačam and what
I did-1sg.-it”

B. (27) (...) ù ša a-na-ku e-pu-šú

TYPE 4 — „*ils n'ont pas fait autant que j'ai fait*”

DB IV 50ff (= Wb., p. 64, § 59): *tyaiy paruvē xšāyadīyā yātā
āha avaišām arā naiy astiy kartam yaḥā manā vašnā Auramazdāha
hamahyāyā ḥarda kartam* (K. p. 132: „Those who were the former
kings, as long as they lived, by them was not done thus as by the
favour of A. was done by me in one and the same year”)

E. (72f): 'ak-ḥa-be 'sunkuk-ip ir-pi-ip-pi ku-iš ša-be-ip hu-pi-be-na
hi nu-ib-ba-ak in-ni hu-ud-da-ak sa-ap 'íú be-ul-ki-ma za-u-mi-in
an]u-ra-mas-da-na hu-ud-da

*akha-p sunki-p irpi-p kuš(?) sa-p (h)upi-p-ua (h)i-nupa-k(?) inni
(h)utta-k sap u pel-ki-ma čaumīn Uramašta-na (h)utta*

„who-PL king-PL old-PL while existing-PL this-PL-of (meaning
uncertain; Paper, p. 54: „all the time before”) not done as I year-
one-in grace Ahuramazda-of did-1sg.”

B. (the relevant parts of the sentence are missing)

TYPE 5 — „*ainsi ils ont livré bataille*”

DB II 27, 36, 42, 47, 56, 62, 98; DB III 9, 19, 40, 47, 64, 69 —
avaišām hamaranam kartam

E. has everywhere: ša-par-rak-um-me lu-ud-da-iš
šaparaku-me(?) (h)utta-(h)š, „battle (they-)made-3pl.”
 In Akkadian the verb is always translated by 3 pl.m. perfecti
itepšū, though the spelling and the word-order vary, cf. si-el-tam
 i-te-ip-šu-² (Wb. p. 31, § 25), i-te-ip-šu ša-al-tam (Wb., p. 35, § 28).
 TYPE 6 — „ce que j'ai fait et ce que mon père a fait”

XPa 18ff (= Wb., p. 108, § 4): *mām Auramazdā pātuc utamaiy*
zšūcam utā tya manā kartam utā tyamaiy piça kartam
 E. (18f) (...) ku-ud-da ap-pa i-ú hu-ud-da-ra ku-ud-da ap-pa i-ad-
 da-da hu-ut-taš-da

kutta appa u (h)utta-r kutta appa attata (h)utta-š-ta
 „and what I did-1sg.-it and what father did-3sg.-TA (definite past)”
 B. (19) ... u ša a-na-ku e-pu-šu-šú u ša abu-ú-a i-pu-uš-šú

XPe a12ff, b20ff (= Wb., p. 112, § 3): *mām Auramazdā pātuc*
hadā bagabiš utā tyamaiy kartam utā tyamaiy piça Dārayarahaš
XŠhyā kartam

E. (a12f, b21f): (...) ku-ud-da ap-pa hu-ud-da-ra ku-ud-da ap-pa
 i-ad-da-da i-da-ri-ia-ma-u-iš i-sunkuk hu-ut-taš-da

B. (a11f, b27f): (...) ù ša a-na-ku e-pu-uš-šú ù ša i-da-a-ri-ia-a-muš
 šarru abu-ú-a at-tu-ú-a i-pu-uš-šú

The following table lists all the corresponding translations:

	Old Persian	Elamite	Akkadian
1 sg.	(a) <i>manā kartam</i>	<i>u (h)utta</i> <i>u (h)utta-r</i> <i>uni-na (h)utta-k</i>	<i>ēpuš(u)</i> 1 sg. pract. (subj.)
	(b) <i>-maiy kartam</i>	<i>(h)utta-r</i> <i>u (h)utta-r</i>	<i>ēpuš(u)</i>
	(c) <i>-maiy astiy kartam</i>	<i>uni-na (h)utta-k [ša-r]</i>	<i>ēpuš(u)</i>
2 sg.	—	—	—
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gives weight to the strongest argument, namely to the fact that Elamite had a special passive construction, which has never been used for the translation of the OP periphrastic perfect. The Elamite passive appears to be a loan-translation from the OP type: *hacāma aḥahya* (lit. „from me it was told”), E. *u-ikkī + mar tiri-ka* (lit. me-„from told”).

Below are listed the four instances of the OP passive construction, mentioned by Benveniste (op. cit., p. 178):

DB I 19f (= Wb., p. 12, § 7): *tyāšām hacāma aḥahya zšaparā raucapatirā ava akunavayātā* (K. p. 119 „what was said unto them by me either by night or by day, that was done”)

E. (16f): *ap-pa ú ti-ri-ia ašši-ut ma-na an[na-an ma-na hu-uh-be hu-ud-da-iš*

appa u ... ap tiri-a šut-ma-na nan-ma-na (h)upi (h)utta-(h)š

„what I ... to-them (resumptive pr.) said-1sg.-Connective night-in-of day-in-of this (they-)did-3pl.”

B. (8) ... ū-mu a-na ša-a-šu ip-pu-šú-’

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E. (15f): *ap-pa ú ik-ka mar ap tur-ri-ka hu-be hu-ut-tuk*

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„what me-from to-them told this done”

B. (10f): *ša la-pani-ia at-tu-u-a ig-gab-ba-aš-šu-nu ana ap-pit-tú ip-pu-uš-šú-’*

XPh 14 (see Paper, p. 84): OP, E. and B. identical with DNa 20f.

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„as ? (cf. Paper, p. 108) me-from to-them told this (they-)did-3pl.”

B. (9) *ša la-pa-ni-ia at-tu-u-a ...*

Except for DB I 19f, where Elamite has a finite verb (but where the most probable restoration of *u[...]* as *u-ikkimar* would suggest an erroneous contamination of active and passive construction) all the remaining translations have the same passive: the pseudoablative *plus* past participle. Also the Akkadian translation has a passive here: *ša lapāniya attū ā iqqabbašunu* (lit. „what-before-my-own is-being-told-they(!)”), where the verb is

the 3-d sg. m. praes. (in the ventive form) of the passive N-stem. That the opposition *active* : *passive* in OP has been distinctly felt by the interpreters, shows the active paraphrase of the same sentence, cf. DNa 36f (= Wb., p. 88, § 4): *tyāšām adam aḥaham ava akunava* (K. p. 138: „what I said to them, that they did”); E. (30): *ap-pa ú ap tur-ri-ra hu-be hu-ut-taš appa u ap turi-r (h)upi (h)utta-(h)š*; „what I to-them said-1sg.-it this (they-)did-3pl.”

B. (23f) *ša ana-ku a-gab-ba-aš-ši-na-atú ip-pu-uš-ša-’ ša anāku aqabbaššinatū ippuša*; „what I tell (1 sg. praes., ventive form) + them (acc. encl. pron. 3. pl. fem.) they-do (3. pl. fem. — probably because of agreement with *mātāte* „lands”, pl. fem.)”. It is worth mentioning that the OP passive verb without the agent was translated in Elamite with a simple participle, cf. Dsf 38 (cf. Paper, p. 52, with wrong line-number): *tya idā akariya* „what here was done”, E. *ap-pa hi-ma hu-ut-tuk*. The same unaccompanied participle has also been used in Elamite for the translation of the OP *karta(m)* used in the nominal sense „what has been made (= constructed)”; also Akkadian often uses here the passive participle *epuš* (although the spelling is remarkable)¹³. Cf. the following examples:

DNa 48f (= Wb., p. 90, § 5): *aita tya kartam ava višam vašnā Anramazdāhā akunavam* (K. p. 138: „This which has been done, all that by the will of A. I did”)

E. (39f) *hu-be ap-pa hu-ut-tuk-ka hu-be mar-ri-da za-u-mi-in anu-ru-mas-da-na hu-ud-da*

(h)upi appa (h)utta-k (h)upi mari-ta čaumen Uramāšta-na (h)utta „this what made this all-whatsoever grace Ahuramazda-of (I-)did-1sg.”

B. (30f) *a-ga-a gab-bi ša ip-šú ina šilli ša uua-ḥu-[ur]-ma-az-da-’ e-te-puš*

¹³ B. *ip-ša-’* as a rendering of the passive participle (usual Akkadian form: *epuš*) seems to be certain from DPc (= Wb., p. 80), where OP: *ardastāna aḥa-gaina Dārayavahauš XŠhyā viḍiyā karta* (K. p. 135: „Stone window-frame, made in the house of King Darius”), is translated into B. as: *ku-bu-ur-ri-e mu-uš-la-la i-na bi-it 1da-a-ri-ia-a-muš šar-ri ip-šu-’* (cf. also E. with passive participle: *har-da-iš-da-na Harad-ia 1da-ri-ia-ma-u-iš 1sunkuk uelmannu^d-e-ma hu-ut-tuk-ka*).

XPa 13f (= Wb., p. 108, § 3): *easiy aniyasēiy naibam kartam anā Pārsā tya adam akunavam utamaiy tya pitā akunauš* (K. p. 148: „Much other good (construction) was built within this (city) Persepolis, which I built and which my father built”) E. (12ff): *ir-še-ki da-a-e te ši-iš-ni-na hu-ut-tuk ba-ir-ša hi ma ap-pa iū hu-ud-da-ra ku-ud-da ap-pa iad-da-da hu-ut-taš-da ir-še-ki tayte šišni-na (h)uttu-k Pars-(h)i-ma appa u (h)utta-r kutta appa attata (h)utta-š-ta*; „much other good-of made Pars-this-in what I did-1sg.-it and what father did-3sg.-TA” B. (12) *u sa-nu-ū-ti-ma ma-du-ū-tu tab-ba-nu-ū-tu e-te-pu-uš ina matupar-sa a-ga-’ ša a-na-ku e-pu-uš-šū u ša abu-ū-a i-pu-uš-šū* XPa 15f (= Wb., p. 108, § 3): *tyopatiy kartam vainatiy naibam ara visam vašna Auramazdāhā akumā* (K. p. 148: „Whatever good construction is seen, all that by the favour of A. we built”) E. (14f): *ap-pa ša-rak hu-ut-tuk-ka ši-ia-ma-ak ši-iš-ni-na lu-be mar-ri-da za-u-mi-in anu-ra-mas-da-na hu-ud-du-ud-da appa ša-r-k (?) (h)uttu-k čiya-ma-k šišni-na (h)upi mari-ta čaumin Uramashta-na (h)uttu-(h)u-TA*; „what been (?) built to-be-seen (? lit.: „sec-Future-Part.Perf.”) good-of this all-whatsoever graec Ahuramazda-of (we-)did-1pl.-Completed Action”. B. (15f): *u ša ip-ša-’ im-mar-ru tab-ba-nu-ū ul-lu-ū-tu gab-bi ina šili ša uua-ju-ru-ma-az-da-’ ni-te-pu-uš*

It is interesting to observe that the Elamite type *uni-na (h)uttu/a-k* is never employed except for the translation of the OP periphrastic perfect. The reason for this reluctant use must have been that it was at that time a recent calque and probably regarded as incorrect. On the other hand the passive calque seems to have been quite widespread in RAE, as can be seen from the free translation of DB I 72 (= Wb., p. 22, § 15), where the OP *tya adam akunavam* is translated: *ap-pa [ū ik-ki mar] lu-ud-da-ak*.

In the light of the preceding discussion it may be concluded that both the Elamite and Akkadian translations offer an unequivocal evidence for the active character of the OP periphrastic perfect. Unfortunately their evidence is much less informative about the position of this construction in the OP tense system. The OP periphrastic perfect emerged apparently as a renovation of the perfective past when the opposition *perfectivity: imperfectivity* became endangered by the loss of the original OP perfect

(which is never used in indicative in Achaemenid inscriptions) and by the indiscriminate use of imperfect and aorist as a general past tense; however, the perfectivity of the OP periphrastic perfect cannot be established beyond doubt on the basis of its translations into Elamite and Akkadian. For these translations Akkadian uses both preterite (which originally had the value of punctualis) and perfect (which had the value of present perfect)¹⁴, with the predominance of preterite, a fact which would point toward a „general past” value of the OP construction. It could be argued that this evidence is worthless, because the language of the Babylonian Akkadian versions is obviously corrupt; on the other hand, however, it shows a very strong influence of OP as far as syntax is concerned¹⁵. Taking this into account one could argue that the seeming lack of consistence in the use of tenses in Akkadian (cf. the indiscriminate use of preterite and perfect in the translations of the OP imperfect forms as well, e.g. DB I 68 vs. DB IV 40) was a reflection of the state of flux in which the OP tense system already found itself at that time. Consequently it could be argued that the weakening of the perfective character of the OP periphrastic perfect — which later led to the generalized use of forms of the type *man kart* as preterite in Middle Persian and necessitated the emergence of a secondary perfect of the type **kart-ak ham*, NP. *karde am* through the analogy with the intransitive pattern) — may be traced back to the language of the Achaemenian inscriptions. But here the evidence of the trilingual texts remains equivocal.

¹⁴ A. Ungnad, L. Matouš, *Grammatik des Akkadischen*, 4-e Aufl., München 1964, §§ 56—7.

¹⁵ O. Rössler, *Untersuchungen über die akkadische Fassung der Achämenideninschriften*, Diss., Berlin 1938.